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Government Administration and Elections Committee
Regarding Senate Bill No. 1059

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SENATOR SLOSSBERG, REPRESENTATIVE MORIN, and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, Connecticut Community Care, Inc. (CCCI) applauds and fully supports the recommendations as outlined in the December 2010 report of the Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes.

Specific to Section 309 (a –d) regarding single point of entry agency designations we respectfully request that the language reflect current practice. In October, 2009 the Department of Social Services Aging Division designated Connecticut Community Care, Inc.(an access agency) as a core partner along with the North Central Area Agency on Aging (an area agency on aging) and Independence Unlimited (a center for independent living) as the North Central (greater Hartford) single point of entry. As a result of this designation and the integration and collaboration of our three agencies, to date, through the Department of Social Services, we have been awarded two single point of entry grants from the federal Administration on Aging. Though the Eastern region of Connecticut is not yet designated as a single point of entry, the same practice of integration and collaboration among CCCI (access agency), Senior Resources (an area agency on aging) and Disability Network of Eastern Connecticut (a center for independent living) is established and recognized through a memorandum of understanding.

We respectfully request that the language of Section 309 (b and c) reflect current practice and be edited as follows: **(b) “The Aging Services Division and the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, in consultation with the Long-Term Care Advisory Council and members of the public, shall designate state-wide service areas for the establishment of single point of entry agencies. ~~And shall designate a center for independent living, as defined in section 17b-613 of the general statutes, and an area agency on aging as single point of entry agencies for~~ each of the state-wide service areas.**

(c) Each designated single point of entry agency ~~center for independent living and area agency on aging designated a single point of entry agency~~ pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be required to:

Please contact me directly with any questions. Thank you for your attention to this edit.